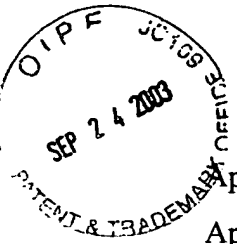


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In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows, and consider the following remarks. Applicant has extended the period for response to the Office Action by one month, hence Applicant's response on September 22, 2003 is timely. Amendments to the claims being on page 2, amendments to the drawing figures are described on page 5 (and on the accompanying substitute sheets), and Remarks begin on page 6.